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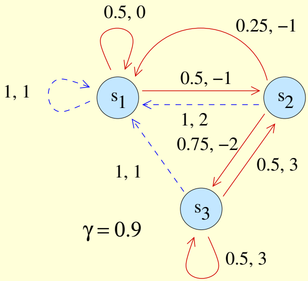

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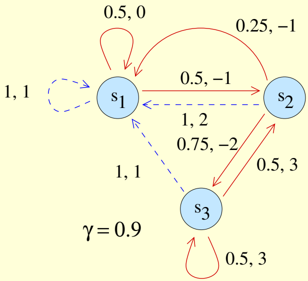

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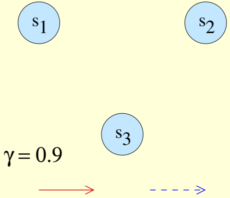

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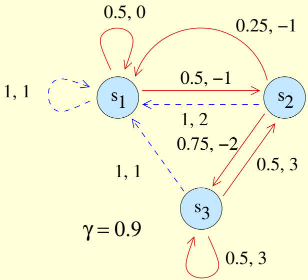

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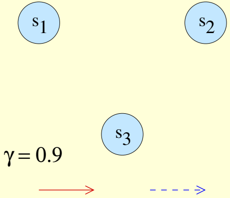

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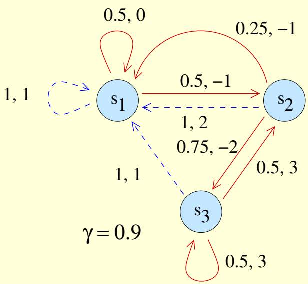

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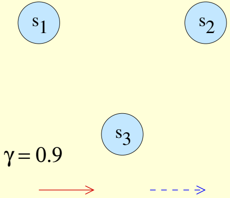

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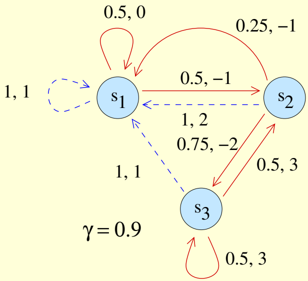

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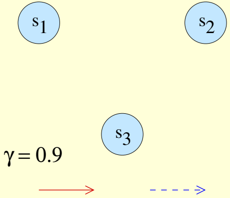

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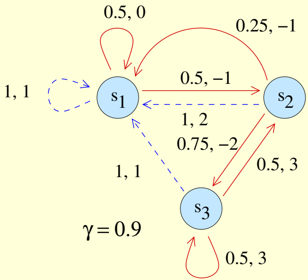

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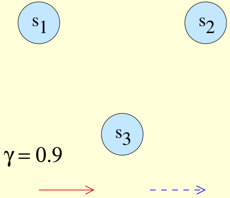

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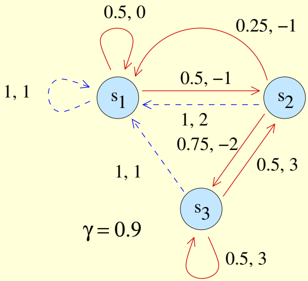

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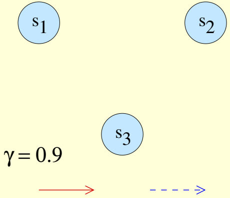

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Backgammon

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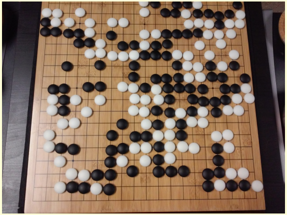
Go



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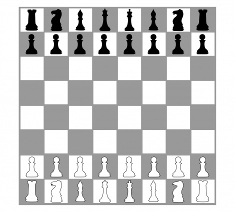
Chess



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Robotics and Control

Helicopter control

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Video Games

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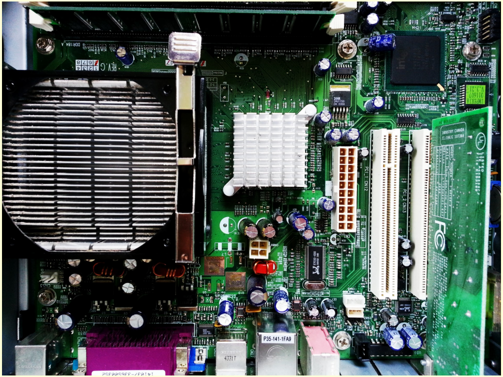
Computer Systems

Optimising a memory controller



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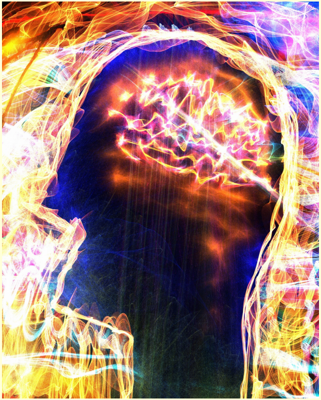
Healthcare

Adaptive treatment of epilepsy



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Finance

Stock trading

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